

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1482

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Strategic Growth Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1482, as introduced, Gordon. Strategic Growth Council: duties.

Existing law establishes the Strategic Growth Council in state government and assigns to the council certain duties, including providing, funding, and distributing data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in the development and planning of sustainable communities.

This bill would expand the duties of the council to include overseeing and coordinating state agency actions to adapt to climate change and identifying and pursuing opportunities for state agencies to collaborate with federal or local agencies in their climate adaptation efforts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 75125 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 75125. The council shall do all of the following:
- 4 (a) Identify and review activities and funding programs of
- 5 member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and
- 6 water quality, improve natural resource protection, increase the

1 availability of affordable housing, improve transportation, meet
2 the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
3 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health
4 and Safety Code), encourage sustainable land use planning, and
5 revitalize urban and community centers in a sustainable manner.
6 At a minimum, the council shall review and comment on the
7 five-year infrastructure plan developed pursuant to Article 2
8 (commencing with Section 13100) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of
9 Division 3 of *Title 2* of the Government Code and the State
10 Environmental Goals and Policy Report developed pursuant to
11 Section 65041 of the Government Code.

12 (b) Recommend policies and investment strategies and priorities
13 to the Governor, the Legislature, and to appropriate state agencies
14 to encourage the development of sustainable communities, such
15 as those communities that promote equity, strengthen the economy,
16 protect the environment, and promote public health and safety,
17 consistent with subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 75065.

18 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local
19 governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing
20 and planning sustainable communities.

21 (d) Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning
22 and development of sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections
23 75127, 75128, and 75129. To implement this subdivision, the
24 council may do all of the following:

25 (1) Develop guidelines for awarding financial assistance,
26 including criteria for eligibility and additional consideration.

27 (2) Develop criteria for determining the amount of financial
28 assistance to be awarded. The council shall award a revolving loan
29 to an applicant for a planning project, unless the council determines
30 that the applicant lacks the fiscal capacity to carry out the project
31 without a grant. The council may establish criteria that would allow
32 the applicant to illustrate an ongoing commitment of financial
33 resources to ensure the completion of the proposed plan or project.

34 (3) Provide for payments of interest on loans made pursuant to
35 this article. The rate of interest shall not exceed the rate earned by
36 the Pooled Money Investment Board.

37 (4) Provide for the time period for repaying a loan made
38 pursuant to this article.

39 (5) Provide for the recovery of funds from an applicant that fails
40 to complete the project for which financial assistance was awarded.

1 The council shall direct the Controller to recover funds by any
2 available means.

3 (6) Provide technical assistance for application preparation.

4 (7) Designate a state agency or department to administer
5 technical and financial assistance programs for the disbursing of
6 grants and loans to support the planning and development of
7 sustainable communities, pursuant to Sections 75127, 75128, and
8 75129.

9 ~~(e) No later than July 1, 2010, and every year thereafter, provide~~
10 ~~a~~ *Provide an annual* report to the Legislature that shall include,
11 but ~~is~~ *need not be* limited to, all of the following:

12 (1) A list of applicants for financial assistance.

13 (2) Identification of which applications were approved.

14 (3) The amounts awarded for each approved application.

15 (4) The remaining balance of available funds.

16 (5) A report on the proposed or ongoing management of each
17 funded project.

18 (6) Any additional minimum requirements and priorities for a
19 project or plan proposed in a grant or loan application developed
20 and adopted by the council pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section
21 75126.

22 *(f) Oversee and coordinate state agency actions to adapt to*
23 *climate change.*

24 *(g) Identify and pursue opportunities for state agencies to*
25 *collaborate with federal or local agencies in their climate*
26 *adaptation efforts.*